GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINES
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3025
ANSWERED ON:11.03.2003
PROPOSAL FOR MINERAL EXPLORATION
GANTA SRINIVASA RAO

Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have received proposals from the State Governments for minerals exploration during 2002-2003;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) the number of applications cleared so far, State-wise; and

(d) the time by which the remaining applications are likely to be cleared?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI RAMESH BAIS)

(a) to (d): Under Section 10(3) of Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 (MMDR Act), Reconnaissance Permits (RP) andProspecting Licences (PL) for mineral explorationare granted by the State Government concerned. However, before granting RP or PL in respect of minerals included in the First Schedule to the MMDR Act, the State Governments are required to seek approval of the Central Government. Efforts are made in the Central Government to expedite a decision in least possible time. In certain cases, however, the proposals received from the State Governments are found incomplete and consequently, in such cases, the State Governments are asked to furnish complete information/additional information for expeditious disposal of such cases.

During 2002-2003 (1.4.2002 till 28.2.2003), 92 proposals of Reconnaissance Permits and Prospecting Licences referred by the State Governments for approval of the Central Government under various sections of the MMDR Act, have been disposed of (approved/returned) by the Central Government, details of which are given in the Annexure.

ANNEXURE

Annexure referred to in reply to Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 3025 for 11.3.2003 asked by Shri Ganta Sreenivasa Rao regarding Proposal for Mineral Exploration

Sl.No.	State	Reconnaissance Permits approved by the Central Government during 2002-2003(till 28.2.2003)	Prospecting Licences approved by the Central Government during 2002-2003 (till 28.2.2003)	Reconnaissance Permits rejected/ returned by the Central Government during 2002-2003 (till 28.2.2003)	Prospecting Licences rejected returned by the Central Government during 2002 (till 2003)
1.	Andhra Pradesh	4	1	2	-
2.	Goa	-	-	3	-
3.	Karnataka	9	-	7	1
4.	Madhya Pradesh	8	4	-	1
5.	Maharashtra	-	2	-	-
6.	Orissa	6	13	-	2
7	Rajasthan	3	3	-	-
8.	Jharkhand	1	-	-	-

9. Chhattisgarh	15	5	-	2
Total:	46	28	12	6

Grand Total: 92